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FLEET (SAILS AWAY

PACIFIC-BOUND WARSHIPS BEGIN
FIRST LAP OF JOURNEY.

Sixteen Vessels of the Line Pass
Proudly by President—Greatest
Naval Pageant in American History.
No Hitch in the Program.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 17.—
Sixteen hard-hitting steel-belted
American battleships, gun-bristling
and burly of girth, but sparkling
white in their immaculate dressings
of peace, sailed away under the daz-
zling sun of a cloudless winter sky
on their famous twin-sea expedition of
14,000 miles, along foreign shores and
changing climates, to the west coast of
the United States. President Roose-
velt, on the bridge of his cruiser-
yacht, the Mayflower, personally led
the magnificent four-mile line of fight-
ing vessels during the first stage of
the voyage. From the anchorage
ground in Hampton Roads to the
horseshoe bend of Chesapeake bay
his eagle-crested flag of blue
pointed the way to the fleet's new



HEAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS

home at the Golden Gate. Then, when
the wide reaches of the sea were vis-
ible through the wide swung capes of
Virginia, he turned aside and, coming
to anchor, reviewed the passing
pageant. The blue of the sky, the
stretch of green sea miles, the glisten-
ing of spotless hulls, the curl of foam-
crested bow-waves, the friends ashore,
the breeze-blown strains of "Auld
Lang Syne" floating across the waters,
the blare of trumpets, the rattle of
drums, the flash of signals and the
boom of saluting cannon marked the
departure of the fleet—presenting to
the people who watched a spectacle
they will never forget and to the
world at large the reality of the
trimmest, snuggest, most homogene-
ous, most thoroughly equipped, most
mobile and self-reliant assemblage of
first class battleships ever gathered
in one command.

Flower of United States Navy.

There was not a ship in the line old
enough to have smelled the powder
or taken the shot of Manila or Santi-
ago—stories written scarcely ten
years ago in the history of nations.
All were modern of design and arma-
ment—examples of the aggressive sea-
going navy which the president has
declared to be so essential to the
peace of the country.

Attaches of foreign legations and
embassies at Washington, and many
correspondents who have seen war ser-
vice on foreign journals, freely de-
clared that this naval display was the
most impressive they had ever seen.
The facilities with which the big ves-
sels were handled, the manner in
which they were maneuvered into
single column formation, and the per-
fect alignment which was maintained,
called out the warmest admiration.
The thrill of the beautiful marine pic-
ture was felt until the last wind-blown
spiral of smoke was lost on the hori-
zon.

No Hitch in Program.

There was not a hitch in any of the
details of the well planned program,
but there were a number of amusing
incidents, not the least of which were
the antics of four sailors who had
overstayed their leave on shore and
were frantically calling from the Old
Point pier for a boat to pick them up.
At last one of the quartet conceived
the idea of wig-wagging their plight
to the commanding officer. Seizing his
own cap and another from his com-
panions, he mounted to a pile-head
and for nearly ten minutes waved
arms and caps according to the signal
code. But it was too late to stop for
stragglers and the disappointed sail-

ors, their nitty boxes and clothes bags
safe aboard the parting ships, were
left behind.

When the president and officers
were posing for their pictures, Admi-
ral Evans caused laughter by ex-
claiming to the group of photogra-
phers, "Shoot fast, you fellows, you
need some training at a navy gun!"

The sixteen ships of the massive
fleet, continuing in single order and
steaming at the uniform speed of ten
knots an hour, according to orders,
are now well down the coast. The
first lap of their journey will bring
them to Trinidad on Christmas eve,
and there, amid the heat of the tropics,
the Christmas celebrations will
be held.

Hundreds of goodbye telegrams
were flashed to the ships by wireless
telegraph as they left the roadstead
and had turned down the southern
coast. The president, after the re-
view at the horseshoe was completed,
returned to Washington.

BANK CLEARINGS MUCH LESS

Loss From Last Year Amounts to
Thirty-Three Per Cent at Big Cities.

New York, Dec. 14.—Dun's Review
says: Bank exchanges this week at
all leading cities in the United States
are \$2,029,269,293, a decrease of 33.4
per cent, compared with the corre-
sponding week of last year. The loss
is still heavy at nearly every city, but
is especially large at New York, Bos-
ton, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Louis-
ville and San Francisco. In the west
there is some little relaxation from
previously existing conditions and
losses are smaller at some points.

Commercial reports indicate little
alteration for the past week, but
greater confidence in marked improve-
ment after Jan. 1. Holiday trade mo-
nopolizes attention, in some sections
exceeding that of last year, though
the aggregate sales do not compare
favorably with 1906 to date. Jobbing
and wholesale lines are seasonably
quiet, while manufacturing operations
are curtailed pending the resumption
of normal demands. The supply of
labor has not increased in ratio to the
closed plants, however, owing to
immigration double that of last year.

MANY SEARCHING FOR GIRL

No Trace Has Yet Been Found of
Little Lillie Olsen of Rosalie.

Fender, Neb., Dec. 13.—The four-
year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Olsen, living near Rosalie, who dis-
appeared so mysteriously Sunday
evening, has not been found, although
hundreds of people have been search-
ing diligently since. The stick or club
which was picked up in the barn yard
smeared with blood and hair has been
sent to an analytical chemist to have
determined what kind of blood or hair
was upon it. The finding of this stick
gave rise to suspicion that possibly
there was foul play. The most inti-
mately acquainted with the family re-
fuse to credit any such belief.

Other theories of kidnaping, wolves
devouring the child and all are being
considered. Searchers are increasing
in numbers, but not the slightest trace
has been discovered. The blood-
hounds brought here from Lincoln,
after a thorough trial, would not take
up any scent or trail. There are nu-
merous ponds and sloughs near the
Olsen home and all of these are sur-
rounded by tall grass. Not far away
is the Logan, whose waters may have
swallowed up the body of the girl.

KIDNAPED GIRL DISCOVERED

Lillian Wulff, Stolen in Chicago, Re-
covered Near Momenca.

Kankakee, Ill., Dec. 14.—Little Lil-
lian Wulff, who was kidnaped in Chi-
cago last Saturday, was recovered five
miles south of Momenca, ten miles
east of here. A man and woman, who
were her captors, were arrested. They
gave their names as Mr. and Mrs.
William Jones, and say they were on
their way from Pennsylvania to Mis-
souri, where they intended settling.
They refuse to discuss the kidnaping.
The child declares they picked her up
on the streets in Chicago, put her in
a wagon and drove away.

The arrest of the couple was
brought about through the report of a
farmer's wife, whose suspicions were
aroused when the trio drove past her
house. A deputy sheriff followed and
arrested them.
The child acknowledged that her
name was Wulff, but said she had
been traveling under the name of
Jones. She said she escaped once on
the road between Kankakee and Chi-
cago, but was recaptured.

Democrats to Meet in Denver July 7.

Washington, Dec. 13.—After decid-
ing to hold the next Democratic na-
tional convention at Denver, Colo.,
and fixing the date of the meeting for
July 7, 1908, the Democratic national
committee entered upon a spirited de-
bate on the propriety of accepting
more of the \$100,000 offered by Den-
ver for the convention than is actual-
ly needed to pay the convention ex-
penses in that city. The opposition
to the acceptance of the contribution
took the form of a resolution by Rep-
resentative Clayton of Alabama, de-
clining money not actually needed for
convention purposes, but after a long
debate the resolution was laid on the
table by a vote of 21 to 14.

LOW ELECTED PRESIDENT

SUCCEEDS BELMONT AS HEAD OF
CIVIC FEDERATION.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE PROMOTED

By Resolution Convention Urges Con-
gress to Pass a Law Giving Currency
Relief as Speedily as Possible, Con-
sistent With Safety.

New York, Dec. 18.—Seth Low,
former president of Columbia univer-
sity, was elected president at the clos-
ing session of the National Civic Fed-
eration, succeeding August Belmont,
who felt obliged to retire owing to the
press of business cares.

As was the case the opening day,
the diversified interests clashed in
sharp debate, but the spirit of the
speeches was good natured, and at ad-
journment the feeling generally ex-
pressed was that the cause of indus-
trial peace had been promoted by the
two-days' meeting. Samuel Gompers
frequently questioned the speakers,
and, in a general way, the labor lead-
ers opposed, while others supported,
the proposition of compulsory arbitra-
tion.

The federation adopted the following
resolution:

"Whereas, The present financial
crisis and the consequent distress has
emphatically demonstrated the neces-
sity of some remedial action by con-
gress as to our currency system, be it
"Resolved, That the National Civic
Federation, without committing itself
specifically to any of the many plans
of currency reform, contents itself
with the declaration that congress
should, after careful consideration,
pass as speedily as possible, consist-
ent with security and safety, some
measure which will impart to our
currency greater elasticity, so greatly de-
manded throughout the country."

Victor Morawetz, chairman of the
executive board of the Santa Fe rail-
way, was chosen to head the new
finance committee and Secretary of
War William H. Taft to head the new
public employes' welfare committee.
D. L. Ceaz, editor of the Railroad
Trainman's Magazine of Cleveland,
was elected secretary to succeed Sam-
uel B. Donnelly. The other officers
were re-elected.

Through the efforts of Marcus M.
Marks of the National Civic Federa-
tion as conciliator the strike of the
1,000 cab drivers, who went out yester-
day to enforce their demands for a
twelve-hour day and \$15 a week, was
called off last night. The cabmen ob-
tain their demand for \$15 a week and
the question of hours and matters of
minor difference will be submitted to
arbitration.

GOLDFIELD IN DARKNESS

Wires Go Down and Town Is Without
Electric Light or Power.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 18.—The power
wires of the Nevada-California Power
company went down at 5 o'clock last
evening and Goldfield was without
electric light or power last night.
The wires were cut at Palmetto, twenty-
five miles distant. Many people
are alarmed and an effort is now be-
ing made to have General Funston
take charge of the camp and patrol
it with troops.

Three mines were operated with the
men brought in from other points and
those who have signed the agreement
of the Goldfield Mine Owners' associa-
tion. No work is being done in any
of the mines or mills, owing to the
lack of power, the wires which bring
the power from Bishop, Inyo county,
California, fifty miles away, having
gone down.
The commission sent by President
Roosevelt to investigate labor condi-
tions here has been busy all day with
statements made by the Goldfield
Mine Owners' association and in re-
ceiving visitors who have information
bearing on the situation.

FORTY-TWO BODIES RECOVERED

Death List in Alabama Mine Explo-
sion Is Sixty-One.

Yolande, Ala., Dec. 18.—Forty-two
bodies have been taken from the ill-
fated Yolande mines, in which an ex-
plosion occurred Monday, and nine-
teen more are reported in the mines,
making a total of sixty-one victims.
All day long the rescue parties have
toiled in the mines against fearful
odds. The hot air and smoke from
the explosion have made it difficult
to get into the lower entries and sev-
eral of the rescue parties have been
overcome at different times and have
had to be brought to the surface for
fresh air.

SMELTER CITY BANK CLOSES

Institution at Durango, Colo., Suspends
Because of Land Fraud Cases.

Durango, Colo., Dec. 18.—The Smel-
ter City bank of Durango, a state insti-
tution, capital \$30,000, failed to open.
Lack of confidence, due, it is said,
to the indictments of prominent citizens
on charges of land frauds under the
federal laws, led to the suspension

of the Smelter City, as well as the
Colorado bank, which failed last week.

Wireless Messages From Fleet,
Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—The wire-
less station at Savannah has been
picking up messages sent from the
battleship fleet but the operator says
he does not copy them, as they are
largely reports to the navy depart-
ment at Washington and relate prin-
cipally to the coal consumption of the
vessels.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

WOMAN RIDES ENGINE PILOT

Farmer's Wife at Louleville Has
Perilous Experience.

Louleville, Neb., Dec. 16.—An east-
bound through Burlington freight
struck a team and wagon near the
depot belonging to John Thomas, a
farmer, who, with his wife, was at the
depot on business. Mr. Thomas was
inside, while his wife sat in the wag-
on. The team became frightened at
the sound of the approaching train
and started to run. When the front
wheels were on the track the train
struck it, breaking the running gear
and throwing Mrs. Thomas and the
spring seat onto the pilot, from which
she was taken when the train stopped
a short distance from the crossing.
Her injuries are not considered seri-
ous, as she sustained only a scratch
on the face and a bruised side. With
the exception of a cut on one of the
horse's hips, they were uninjured.

BIG HORSE DEAL AT HASTINGS

Bunch of Outlaws to Go to Chicago
for Exhibition and Show.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 16.—Probably
the largest horse deal of its kind on
record has just been closed by Barney
R. Pearson of this city. He has en-
gaged to several Chicago capitalists
a group of nineteen "outlaw" horses
to be used at an exhibition in the Chi-
cago Coliseum and later at a "wild
west" show in Riverview park. He
collected these horses throughout the
northwest. Several of them have been
used in championship rough riding
contests, and included in the bunch
is the one on which Carl Hildebrand
of Carehurst, Wyo., won the \$500
prize saddle at the frontier festival
in this city last October. A famous
horse in this group is Skyscraper,
from President Roosevelt's ranch on
the Little Missouri in North Dakota.

DIVIDING THE SCHOOL FUND

State Auditor Draws Warrants in
Favor of the Various Counties.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—State Superin-
tendent McBrien has completed the
semi-annual apportionment of school
money. The state auditor will draw
his warrants in favor of the various
county treasurers, who upon return-
ing receipts sent to them will be
mailed the warrants. The amount ap-
portioned is \$264,549.53. The ap-
portionment to each district is based on
the school census. The 1907 census
shows 370,491 persons of school age
in the state. The rate per pupil is
\$.714954 cent. The school census for
1906 was 371,99. This falling off is
due to the agitation by State Superin-
tendent McBrien against the padding
of the school district census in the
larger towns of the state.

CARS PILE, BUT ENGINEER SAFE

Sticks to Post, Fearing to Jump, and
Tender Protects Him.

Hemingford, Neb., Dec. 16.—Burl-
ington passenger train No. 42 went
into the ditch about a mile west of
here. The train was running about
forty miles an hour and the front
trucks of the engine jumped the track.
The engineer stayed with the engine
for the reason that the cars were piling
up so behind him that he was afraid to
jump. Luckily the tender wedged
itself in between the mail car and the
engine and he was not hurt. The
fireman jumped.

The mail clerks sustained the only
injuries and they were slight. The
mail car is a total wreck, the engine
is torn almost in pieces and the track
is torn up for 300 feet.

Lid On at Omaha.

Omaha, Dec. 16.—Detectives and po-
lice were kept busy yesterday gather-
ing the names of those who fractured
the so-called "blue laws" of desecrat-
ing the Sabbath by working and in-
cluded in their list all those found
busy. Visits were made to the news-
paper offices and the name of one per-
son from each department was taken.
In the list was also included restaur-
ant and hotel employes, messengers,
street car men, waiters, etc. This
list was given to the city prosecutor
today.

Train Jumps Track at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—A special train
on the Northwestern, consisting of an
engine, tender and three coaches, car-
rying a theatrical company from Sioux
City to Lincoln, jumped the track just
as it reached the city limits. The
cars remained upright and the pas-
sengers, though tumbled about, es-
caped with severe bruises. Twenty
were hurt, but none seriously. The
greatest damage was done to the cars
carrying the scenery.

A 25c. Bottle of
Kemp's Balsam
Contains
40 DOSES,
And each dose is more effective than
four times the same quantity of any
other cough remedy, however well
advertised and however strongly re-
commended that remedy may be.
Remember always that KEMP'S
BALSAM is the
Best Cough Cure.
It has saved thousands from con-
sumption.
It has saved thousands of lives.
At all druggists', 25c., 50c. and \$1.
Don't accept anything else.

160 ACRES FARMS IN Western Canada FREE
Typical Farm Scene, Showing Stock Raising in
WESTERN CANADA
Some of the choicest lands for grain growing
stock raising and mixed farming in the new dis-
tricts of Saskatchewan and Alberta have re-
cently been opened for settlement under the
Revised Homestead Regulations
Entry may now be made by proxy (on certain
conditions), by the father, mother, son, daughter,
brother, or sister of an intending homesteader.
Thousands of homesteads of 160 acres each are
thus now easily available in these great grain-
growing, stock-raising and mixed farming sec-
tions.
There you will find healthful climate, good
neighbors, churches for family worship, schools
for your children, good laws, splendid crops
and railroads convenient to market.
Entry fee in each case is \$10.00. For pamphlet
"Last Best West," particulars as to rates, routes
best time to go and where to locate, apply to
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801 New York Life Bldg., Omaha, Neb.
Canadian Government Agent

BILLY SUNDAY CONVERTS 3,759

Revival at Muscatine Greatest Tri-
umph in Evangelist's Career.

Muscatine, Ia., Dec. 18.—The great-
est revival meeting held in the United
States in the last hundred years
closed in Muscatine last night, when
Billy Sunday, the baseball evangelist,
concluded his five weeks' series of
meetings. Converts numbering 3,759
answered his urgent invitation, break-
ing all records ever made by any other
evangelist in the country. On the
final day 505 joined his forces.

At a massive men's meeting in the
afternoon it was decided to form a
civic league and take up the matter of
fighting the saloons. The collection
on the final day amounted to over \$6,
000.

At the closing meeting the crowd
was so great when the doors were
opened that less than half could be
accommodated in the great tabernacle,
and overflow meetings were held in
four churches. In the rush for seats
several people were injured and
scores of women and children fainted.

JUDGE GIVEN KULP CASE

Decision Reported to Governor for
Approval Before Being Given Out.

Des Moines, Dec. 18.—The case of
Captain Kulp was given his military
judges, following addresses by Judge
Advocate Berkebile and the defend-
ant's attorneys. No attempt will be
made to reach a decision until the re-
cord is completed, and the verdict will
not be given out until approved or dis-
approved by the governor.

A recent decision by the judge ad-
vocate general of the regular army
was cited by the defense. It was held
that officers of the regular army may
disregard illegal orders issued by the
president. It is contended in the
present case that the order of Governor
Cummings was illegal, so far as it ap-
plied to a legal sparring match.

An effort to show that Adjutant Gen-
eral Thrift had emity toward Kulp
was defeated by the state.

Nebraska Orators Win.

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—In the Nebraska
Iowa university oratorical contest,
the decision of three judges, Professor
Isador Loeb of Missouri, Judge James
H. Quinn of Minnesota and Benjamin
G. Taylor of Minnesota, was unani-
mous for Nebraska. The Nebraska
debaters were Messrs. Swenson,
Frerichs and Elliott, and of Iowa
Messrs. Brant, Byers and Mayer.
William J. Bryan presided and made
an address.

Organized Agriculture.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—The annual meet-
ing of the state agricultural societies
will be held at Lincoln, at the univer-
sity and experiment station, during
the week of Jan. 20-25. Nebraska is
the first state in the union to effect a
systematic organization of all its agri-
cultural societies. Other states are
following this plan. Iowa and Kansas
will hold similar conventions of agri-
cultural societies.